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1. The amendment filed on October 10, 2003 does not comply with the format set forth in the revision to 37 CFR 1.121 because the status of claim 45 is missing. The revision to 37 CFR 1.121 requires that a status identifier shall be provided for every claim in a parenthetical expression following the claim number. Cancelled and withdrawn claims should be indicated by only the claim number and status.

Since the reply filed on October 10, 2003 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

***Contact Information***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Nghiem whose telephone number is (703) 306-3445. The examiner can normally be reached on M-H from 6:30AM – 5:00 PM.

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